
Storm Water

FY 2002 Proposed Budget:	\$3,100,000
FY 2002 Proposed Capital Budget:	\$0

The Storm Water agency is responsible for ensuring compliance with EPA requirements under the District's storm water permit issued in April 2000.

The proposed FY 2002 operating budget from all funding sources is \$3,100,000, an increase of \$3,100,000 over FY 2001.

Budget Summary

The establishment of the new Storm Water (SW0) agency, and the proposed FY 2002 budget of \$3.1 million, will provide the necessary funding to cover activities required of the District of Columbia to comply with a storm water runoff permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in April 2000 (table SW0-1). This agency receives none of its funding from local sources. Funding for the agency will support the coordination of activities for three agencies that currently are involved in a specific operational aspect of storm water runoff in the District. These agencies include the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Public Works (DPW), and the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA). This agency receives no local funds.

Specific attributes proposed for this agency/fund will be:

- Storm water fees assessed on District residents will be collected via WASA's water and sewer billings.
- Collected fees will be held in a separate bank account.
- Expenditures will be segregated from WASA's operating and capital funds.

- The new agency/fund will have a separate financial statement.
- Compliance costs incurred by all three participating agencies would be reimbursed from the fund.
- Agencies would incur costs and initially pay for through their individual budgets.

Strategic Issues

- Continue development of key permit deliverables required by the EPA, including development of storm water management plans for commercial, residential, government and industrial facilities.
- Continue working on a permanent storm water fee structure that is equitable, fair, and meets the operational requirements for the program.

FY 2002 Initiatives

- Analysis of pollution sources and impact of land use, population, etc. on the storm water system.
- Implement storm water outfall monitoring.
- Develop storm water management plan for commercial, residential, and government areas that includes coordination of street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, and leaf collection.

- Develop public education program.
- Implement wet weather and related monitoring programs.

Agency Background

In April 2000, the District of Columbia received a separate storm sewer system permit from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which governs the control of storm water runoff into the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers, Rock Creek, and related tributaries.

The permit requires a number of storm water control and management activities, including development of management plans and storm water controls, catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, public education, and reporting, among other items. The responsibilities for these activities are distributed among the Department of Health, Department of Public Works, and the Washington and Sewer Authority (WASA) in accordance with a memorandum of understanding executed in December 2000. In early 2001, the Council for the District of Columbia passed legislation that provides for WASA to serve as administrator of the Storm Water Permit Compliance Fund and to coordinate all storm water-related activities undertaken by the three agencies. Coordination of these activities will be led by WASA, and funding derived from a separate District storm water fee that will be implemented in late FY 2001. This legislation is pending congressional approval and is a provisional agency/fund until approval from Congress.

Program Overview

Approximately two-thirds of the District's total sanitary sewer conveyance system and storm water runoff system are two separate entities. One conveys sanitary sewage flows to WASA's Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment, and the second conveys storm water to approximately 600 outfalls located on the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and other waterways. The remaining one-third of the sewer system is combined. When combined in the same system, the flow is conveyed to Blue Plains for

treatment except during periods of heavy rainfall, when discharges to area waterways through sixty "combined sewer overflow" points occur. The permit addresses discharges from the separate storm sewer system.

Funding Summary

Other

The proposed FY 2002 other budget for storm water activities is \$3.1 million (table SW0-2). Funding for these costs is to be provided by a separate District storm water fee approved by the Council of the District of Columbia that will appear as a separate line item on District residents' water and sewer bills. This fee will begin to be collected in late FY 2001 in conjunction with the implementation of WASA's new customer information system.

Any funds required to comply with the permit that are not covered by the fee would be paid directly by the Departments of Health and Public Works and/or deducted from WASA's annual payment in lieu of taxes to the District in accordance with the memorandum of understanding executed by these parties.

Any fund balances remaining in the Stormwater Permit Compliance Enterprise Fund will be used for storm water compliance activities as determined by the storm water administrator in conjunction with the Departments of Health and Public Works. In accordance with the legislation, any monies in the Fund cannot be commingled with the District's General Fund, the Water and Sewer Authority Enterprise Fund, or any other funds or accounts of the District of Columbia. Refer to the FY 2002 Operating Appendices (bound separately) for details.

Agency Goals and Performance Measures

- Compliance with provisions of the District storm water permit.

Others to be developed as part of the storm water management program.

Table SW0-1

FY 2002 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

(Dollars in Thousands)

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	Actual FY 2000	Approved FY 2001	Proposed FY 2002	Change from FY 2001
Subsidies and Transfers	0	0	3,100	3,100
<i>Subtotal Nonpersonal Services (NPS)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3,100</i>	<i>3,100</i>
Total Proposed Operating Budget	0	0	3,100	3,100

Table SW0-2

FY 2002 Proposed Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

(Dollars in Thousands)

Storm Water

	Actual FY 1998	Actual FY 1999	Actual FY 2000	Approved FY 2001	Proposed FY 2002
Other	0	0	0	0	3,100
Gross Funds	0	0	0	0	3,100